

AG/Committee Name: Human Health Risk Assessment Advisory Group

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Council/Board Liaison: John Toll

Organization: Human Health Risk Assessment Advisory Group

Group structure:

- Chair: Spencer Williams (Baylor University/ATSDR)
- Secretary: Patricia Videla (AMEC-FW)

Steering Committee – members listed in section below

2015 Changes.

- Bonnie Bailey has had to resign as Secretary of the group, and Patricia Videla has volunteered to serve in that capacity. Significant changes to Steering Committee have been necessary, and are detailed below.

Activities Summary

Activities include the following:

- Conducted monthly calls.
- Served as core group for joining and supporting SETAC's early participation in the World Health Organization's Chemical Risk Assessment Network.
- Spencer Williams has served on the Steering Committee of EDTRA AG.
- Spencer Williams also served as the liaison for HHRA to the TSCA Dialogue Group.
- The AG successfully raised sufficient funds to support one student travel award. The American Cleaning Institute (Paul DeLeo) volunteered to donate sufficient funds for a second consecutive year.
 - Two submissions were received from SETAC, and one was selected by the Steering Committee for an award.
- The AG submitted six questions for SETAC's Global Horizon Scanning Exercise. These questions were developed by the AG membership.
- SETAC NA 2015 annual meeting (Salt Lake City).
 - Salt Lake City HHRA AG Business meeting will not take place this year.
 - Sponsored Sessions:
 - Lab Data, Hazard, Risk and Regulation of Endocrine Active Chemicals - So What? (Nancy Shappell, Tim Verslycke, Spencer Williams) POSTER
 - Chemical Exposures from Consumer Products (Yvette Lowney) PLATFORM
 - Winning the Green Ribbon: Application of "Green Chemistry" in the Development of Products and Processes (Yvette Lowney) POSTER

- One additional submitted session on bioavailability was not populated sufficiently to be included in the program. A conflicting meeting on bioavailability in Asia was believed to be the cause.

Coordination with Other Advisory Groups and Committees

- Global EDTRA: Spencer Williams serves on Steering Committee.
- WHO Chemical Risk Assessment Network: AG served as the core for early activities involved in SETAC's WHO-CRAN membership.
- TSCA Dialog Group: Spencer Williams serves in group.

Future Plans

- Joint session with SOT RAAS discussed above.
- Ongoing participation in WHO-CRAN.
- Outreach to ISES and SRA, and continuing relationship with SOT's Risk Assessment Specialty Section.

Business and Planning Meetings

As discussed above:

- Monthly calls

Membership Communications

Effective communications:

- Monthly calls. (These calls may be changed to bimonthly)
- Member discussions focused on specific topics and missions.
- Group emails.

Issues/Problems

Several members of the past Steering Committee have become unresponsive to communications from the Chair. This prompted the Chair to recruit a few new Steering Committee members from within the active membership. Susan Turnblom from Oregon DEQ and Marie Bourgeois from University of South Florida have joined. Additional members are needed; this is an area of activity for the Chair and Secretary at the annual meeting and until the end of the year. As advised by John Toll, we will seek to recruit candidates via a Globe Article if we are unsuccessful at identifying reliable contributors at the annual meeting and through personal networks.

Further, the Chair believes this group is in need of leadership turnover. I have been the leader of this group for three years now and believe that the group would be well-served to seek fresh blood in all positions. In comparison to more robust and older groups (e.g., ERAAG, Chemistry AG), our leadership structure has generally amounted to one or two people. This is a critical need for the group, to develop more robust leadership. This will not be a minor task, given the place of the HHRA AG within the Society.

Lastly, some of the issues with the HHRA AG this year can be attributed to a change in my position and the disruptions associated with such a change. I have left Baylor University and now serve as Regional Director for Region 7, ATSDR.

Current Steering Committee

Steering Committee:

- John Toll (Windward Environmental)
- Ruddle Clarkson
- Susan Turnblom (Oregon DEQ)
- Marie Bourgeois (University of South Florida)
- Patricia Videla (AMEC-FW)

No. active members: Total membership (from Your Membership AG directory):

We have over 100 members listed in the group directory we maintain. Approximately 10-15 people participate in monthly calls.